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Applicant : N. KASAKO et al
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Title : REMOTE STORAGE DISK CONTROL DEVICE WITH
FUNCTION TO TRANSFER COMMANDS TO REMOTE
STORAGE DEVICES
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Examiner : A. Gogia
Docket No. : H-1222
Customer No.: 24956
Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Sir:

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(c) when filed prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, when 1(a)-(b) do not apply, and when a certification is included in section 4 below (included when indicated by a marked box); then the Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) and request(s)

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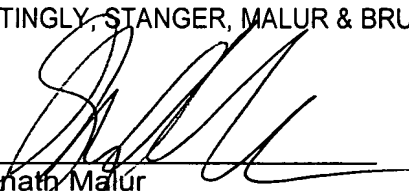
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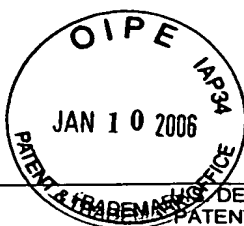
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Respectfully submitted,

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